

milestones. He grew the U.S. Navy's stature and involvement in assisting key foreign partners in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and Spain. A significant highlight of this tour was the award of the largest shipbuilding contract in our nation's history—the \$17.6 billion Virginia Class Submarine Block Four contract. This multi-year contract reflected cost savings and risk reduction initiatives that set the basis for long-term industrial base stability while affordably providing the submarine force with critical assets around the world.

In his final assignment, Admiral Johnson led an acquisition workforce of 60,000 military and civilian personnel in maintaining the Navy's future technological edge through daily oversight of critical investments. He executed three progressively intensive budget cycles ensuring the execution of 202 acquisition programs with applied resources in excess of \$60 billion per year. His innovative approach led to an established framework for multiple accelerated acquisition programs ensuring that our sailors and marines were equipped with the most state-of-the-art technology. A tremendous steward of the taxpayers, he has put affordability into action—saving billions of dollars. He worked with the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps to effectively and efficiently implement the Navy's warfighting requirements and resourced programs.

As ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces and as Representative for eastern Connecticut, the Submarine Capital of the World, I have witnessed firsthand over many years Admiral Johnson's steady leadership and stewardship of our nation's submarine construction programs. Since my first days as a new member of the committee in 2007, Admiral Johnson has been a tremendous resource to me personally, and to my staff—providing keen insight and a wealth of shipbuilding knowledge that has helped guide good policy making and smart budgetary decisions in Congress.

Admiral Johnson's 36 years of honorable service to this nation and professional success would not have been possible without the steadfast support of his wife, Carol and daughters, Ellen, Elizabeth, and Anne. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Admiral Johnson and his family for their service to our nation and wish Admiral Johnson fair winds and following seas in the next exciting chapter of his life.

HONORING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, October 10, 2018 marks the 107th National Day of the Republic of China, or "Double Ten Day," as it is known in Chinese. On this auspicious day we not only have an opportunity to reflect on the bond between the American and Taiwanese people—our shared democratic values and historical partnership—but also look forward to strengthened ties of friendship and collaboration.

Founded by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on October 10, 1911, the Republic of China stands as a bea-

con of freedom and democracy on the island of Taiwan, and as a positive counterexample to mainland China which, under Xi Jinping, has turned to greater repression and contempt for human rights.

Let us not forget that the Republic of China, which had to endure many challenges and social upheavals during its tenure of rule in mainland China from 1911 to 1949, was the first allied country to be attacked in World War II. Our two countries locked arms and resisted the Imperial Japanese Army, with the first American aviators volunteering with Major General Claire Chennault and the famed Flying Tigers to resist the Japanese from the air in 1941. Eventually, Japan and the Axis powers were defeated decisively, and the Republic of China became one of the founding members of the United Nations and attained a seat on the Security Council.

Despite some hesitant steps on our part, we again stood together against the Communists led by Mao Zedong, both before and after the Republic established itself on Taiwan, from where it offered support to our forces resisting Communist tyranny on the Korean peninsula. In the ensuing decades, the Republic of China on Taiwan emerged from authoritarian rule to become the first authentically democratic nation in Chinese history.

Taiwan has since become a beacon of hope and optimism in the Asia-Pacific region. Its people enjoy all basic freedoms, including freedom of the press, assembly, and religion. Through the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, the American people have strengthened our bond with the people of Taiwan. Recent Congressional endeavors, such as the Taiwan Travel Act—which I proudly co-sponsored—undoubtedly will lead to further cooperation and friendship.

It is perhaps because of Taiwan's democratic culture that China feels so threatened by it. Mainland China has launched a multi-dimensional campaign against Taiwan that includes many aggressive and provocative actions, such as the dispatching of warships, bombers, and fighter jets to encircle the island, as well as conducting live-fire military exercises near Taiwan's waters. Furthermore, in the diplomatic arena, China has worked assiduously to cut off Taiwan's diplomatic partners and block Taiwan from participating in international organizations. Taiwan has a comparative advantage in areas such as global health, and it is a travesty that for no other reason than to assuage China, Taiwan is prohibited from participating in critical fora such as the World Health Assembly. Now more than ever, Taiwan needs our support.

Mr. Speaker, the moral and geopolitical case for Taiwan is strong and consistent with the Administration's commitment to build a free and open Indo-Pacific. Taiwan is a model of democracy, prosperity, rights protections, and the rule of law. Citizens of the Republic of China on Taiwan should know on its 107th anniversary that the American people, and the Congress, stand with them.

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHERN
COLORADO 2018

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, in honor of America's heroic veterans, Honor Flight Northern Colorado has conducted two annual trips to Washington, D.C. since 2008. Honor Flight Northern Colorado has taken over 2,750 of our nation's heroes to visit and reflect at their war memorials. On September 9–10, 2018, Honor Flight Northern Colorado held its 21st and final Honor Flight, The Stan Cass "Mission Accomplished" Memorial Flight that gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity. I am pleased to recognize the September 9–10, 2018 Honor Flight honoring World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans of Northern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II: Robert Hauser, Donald Reisner, Kenneth Sweeney.

Korean War: Philip Beli, Wilbur Doeksen, Edmund Giese Jr, Orville Markham, Roy Nichols, Lawrence Powers, Wesley Te Winkle.

Vietnam War: Gloria Atteberry, Walter Babcock, Terrill Bashline, Roger Bates, James Beemer, Anthony Benavidez, Michael Bernard, Gary Blomenkamp, Roger Boltz, Donald Bonenberger, Jimmy Bracking, Richard Bryson, Gerard Bucknall, Bruce Gameron, Cecily Gass, Larry Chartier, Archie Cloud Jr, William Corbett, Steven Crall, Gregory Cranston, Gary Crego, Gary Cyr Sr, Thomas Danton, Raymond Davis, David DeCamp, Raymond Delgado, Salvatore Delprete, Ronald Dickerhoff, Brian Donahue, Alvin Dorsey, Eugene Eddy, Richard Fischer, Norman Fulton, Gary Garrison, James Gerke, William Gill III, Gregory Goettsch, Larry Goettsch, Allan Gott, Dallas Greenfield, Dennis Hammonds, Rodney Hansen, Gerald Henderson, James Hernandez, Edwin Hollingsworth, Donald Holt, Michael Hughes, Kenneth Hiff, Foy Jolley Jr, Gary Jones, Thomas Keen, James Kennedy, Stephen Kennedy, James Kepler, David Kinion, Mark Kintzley, Galen Konken, Nicholas Kricken, Donald Lambertson, Alec Leavitt, Roland Lei, Samuel Leighton, Robert Magnuson, Joseph Markham, Michael McCormick, Arthur Meek, Wayne Moeller, Juan Montoya, Marino Montoya, Charles Morgan, Richard Myron, Edward Nelson, Clayton Omland, John Ochoa, Dean Olson, Harleigh Peppler, Charles Powers, Albert Pribble, Rodger Price, Roger Ramsey, Paul Richmann, Kenneth Ricker, Robert Riggs, Philip Rouse, John Rowland, Robert Rowton, Steven Rylant, Rodolfo Sanchez, John Sanger, Martin Sattler, William Schenk, John Schroetlin, Kenneth Schroetlin, Donald Shaffer, Bert Smith, Gerald Smith, Robert Starck, William Starck, Duane Steinbrecher, Billy Thornton, Robert Tomlinson, Larry Torre, Garlin Trower Jr, Ernest Tyler, John Vaughn, Eugene Vigil, Antonio Villarreal, John Ward, Howard Willich, William Woods, Steve Zivicky, William Zoller.

Iraqi Freedom: Brian Ivers.

It is my distinct pleasure as the U.S. Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with all members of

America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF DIANE NARASAKI

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Diane Narasaki on her retirement after 23 years of service at the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS). Throughout her career, Diane demonstrated her deep, personal commitment to civil rights and social justice by standing up for immigrants and refugees, defending diversity and encouraging civic engagement.

Diane was born in Seattle not long after the end of World War II. She was driven to a career in social justice in part because of the inhumane treatment of Japanese and Japanese Americans incarcerated during the war. She ultimately built ACRS into the globally-recognized powerhouse it is today, growing it from

14,000 members to over 35,000 and from 76 staff members to 270.

In one of her early acts at ACRS, Diane organized the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community to mount a response to 1996 federal welfare reform legislation, which barred legal immigrants from accessing certain federal safety net programs, including food stamps and medical assistance. Thanks to Diane's leadership and the tireless advocacy of communities across Washington, the state passed legislation to replace many of the public assistance programs for immigrants that were lost at the federal level.

Also, during her time at ACRS, Diane organized the API community to increase funding for employment training and naturalization services targeted to help low-income immigrants, refugees, and those with limited English proficiency to gain citizenship. With her leadership, ACRS obtained federal funding to develop integrated mental health services, which had an incredible impact on the lives and well-being of API people. Prior to joining ACRS, Diane also served as Executive Director of the Northwest Labor and Employment Law Office, co-founded the King County Asian

Pacific Islander Coalition and was named by President Obama to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Her contributions to the API community are innumerable.

Diane has received numerous awards to recognize these contributions. The Seattle City Council proclaimed a "Diane Narasaki Day" in 2006. In 2009, Seattle Magazine declared her one of one of their "most influential people of the year." She received a Puget Sound Business Journal Women of Influence Award, a Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award, the ACLU of Washington's William O. Douglas Award and many, many more.

Still, what makes Diane so special is not these awards but her dedication to lifting up marginalized people in our community and across the country. Though she is moving on from ACRS, I have no doubt that she will continue to thread her passion and activism into everything she does. I commend Diane Narasaki and the incalculable impact of her life's work. I wish her a healthy and joyous retirement.